at Dummuriputtu and Mechiliguda on Koraput-Rayagada line under construction.

1 new station at Angul on Talcher-Sambalpur line under construction.

Fixing of handling charges by ports trusts

892. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ports Trusts have taken any decision to fix handling charges to solve disputes between shippers and ship owners; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Curbing of pollution at major ports

893. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to curb pollution in major ports;

(b) whether any proposal has already been forwarded to the Bombay Port Authorities to impose a ceiling on the traffic being handled by the port; and

(c) if so, what are the results of the measures taken and whether such measures will be taken by the Port authorities in other major ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Measures to combat pollution in major ports is a subject of continuing attention and concern of the Central Governmet. A number of measures have already been taken in this connection some of which are given below:—

(1) Crestion of pollution control cells in the major ports.

(2) Inspection of ships and water front areas to ensure that the ships do not create pollution.

(3) The ships are required to comply with MARPOL Regulations.

(4) Checking of emission of smoke from the funel and the accumulation of garabage on the boards.

(5) In case of pollution, oil barriers, oil booms, oil skimmers etc. are deployed.

(6) Prohibition of discharge of oil and objectionable liquids in the dock is enforced.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Scarcity of resources in Railways

894. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are facing serious resource constraints during the current plan, resulting in their not achieving the targets; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to get over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is an overall constraint of resources which is also shared by the Railways. Targets are laid down commensurate with the allocations made. Every effort is made to provide the maximum possible allocation to Railways.

Meeting of Vice-Chancellors of South Zones

895. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of South Zone held in